



## Hospitality Saskatchewan Celebrates Success of 2nd Annual Human Trafficking Summit

Hospitality Saskatchewan is proud to announce the successful conclusion of its 2nd Annual Human Trafficking Summit, held October 21-23, 2024, at the Travelodge Hotel Saskatoon. The event brought together leaders from across sectors, including hospitality, law enforcement, non-profit organizations, and governmental agencies, to address the urgent issue of human trafficking in the province and beyond.

The Summit served as a platform for in-depth discussions, collaboration, and action planning, with a focus on prevention, education, and victim support. Over 70 attendees participated in keynote presentations, and a workshop contributing valuable insights and strategies to combat human trafficking.

“Human trafficking remains a critical issue, and we are proud to be at the forefront of addressing it” said Jim Bence, President and CEO of Hospitality Saskatchewan. “The hospitality sector has a unique role to play in preventing and identifying instances of trafficking, and through this summit, we have reinforced our commitment to creating a safer environment for all.”

### Highlights of the Summit included:

**Keynote Speakers:** Presentations from national and international experts on human trafficking, including representatives from law enforcement, survivors of trafficking, and advocacy groups.

**Workshop:** Participants engaged in an interactive workshop aimed at enhancing awareness and identifying signs of trafficking.

**Cross-Sector Collaboration:** The Summit fostered collaboration between industries and law enforcement, creating stronger partnerships to effectively combat trafficking.

**Survivor Advocacy:** The summit provided a platform for survivors of trafficking to share their stories, emphasizing the importance of survivor-led initiatives in shaping policy and prevention strategies.

The Summit underscored the need for continued efforts to fight human trafficking and the importance of education. Attendees left with actionable steps to implement in their workplaces, including adopting new protocols and training programs designed to safeguard at-risk individuals.

As part of Hospitality Saskatchewan’s broader commitment to social responsibility, the organization is exploring future initiatives to further enhance the hospitality industry’s role in combating human trafficking. The 3rd Annual Human Trafficking Summit is already in the planning stages, with expectations of an even broader reach and impact.

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